Role of JCI

457. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Jute produced in the country during the last three years, state-wise;

(b) the quantity of Jute purchased by the Jute Corporation of India during corresponding period, State-wise;

(c) whether JCI has decided to import jute from Bangladesh on commercial considerations;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the principal function of the JCI is ensuring commercial liability for itself or to support the jute growers of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Government have not so far approved any scheme of JCI to import raw jute from Bangladesh.

(e) The principal function of JCI is to support the jute growers of the country in terms of its objectives. However, in doing so the JCI's endeavour is to undertake its operations economically and to generate revenue from operations other than MSP.

Statement

(a) The quantity of Jute produced in the country during the last three years with State-wise break-up as follows:—

(Figures in 000 bales of 180 kgs. Each)

State	1999-2000	1998-99	1997-98
West Bengal	5300	5600	6800
Bihar	800	800	1300
Assam	800	1000	1400
Meghalaya	20	30	50
Orissa	263	300	500
Andhra Pradesh	466	400	625
Tripura	35	32	37
Others	130	125	200
TOTAL	7814	8287	10912

(b) The quantity of jute purchased by the Jute Corporation of India during the corresponding period with State-wise break-up are as follows:—

(Figures in 000 bales of 180 kgs. Each)

State	1999-2000			1998-99			1997-98		
	Supp.	Comm.	Total	Supp.	Comm.	Total	Supp.	Comm.	Total
West Bengal	11.9	79.9	91.8	6.7	42.0	48.7	600.1	-	600.1
Bihar	5.4	[illegible]	13.5	0.4	0.1	0.5	133.5	-	133.5
Assam & Meghalaya	0.6	[illegible]	1.5	2.3	3.0	5.3	170.6	-	170.6
Orissa	0.[illegible]		0.4	-			21.9	-	21.9
Andhra Pradesh							53.5	-	53.5
Tripura							5.4	-	5.4
TOTAL	18.3	88.7	107.0	9.4	45.1	54.5	985.0	-	985.0

Financial Assistance to the Textile Industries in NER

458. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to State:

(a) The locations of Textile Industries in the States of North Eastern Region and the items produced by these Textile Industries as on the 31st March, 2000, and

(b) The details of plan to provide financial assistance to the Textile Industries of the said States to increase production of Textiles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The annexed statement gives the location of Textile Industries in the states of the North East Region and the items produced by these Textile Industries as on the 31st March, 2000 (*See* below).

(b) No direct financial assistance is provided for the development of the Textile Industry in any State or area. The role of the Ministry is that of a facilitator, for which purpose schemes are formulated for the development of the Textile Industry. To improve the technology level of the Textile Industry and to make it internationally competitive, a Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been launched for Textile and Jute Industries for five years from 1.4.1999. The scheme provides a reimbursement of 5% point on the interest charged by the lending agency on a project of technology upgradation in conformity with the scheme. Funds are also provided for the Powerloom Service Centres which extend skill development and testing facilities to assist the Powerloom industry.